Rural electrification in U.P.

1960. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in U.P. that are still to be electrified and the time by when they are likely to be electrified; and

(b) what are the factors which are hampering the growth of rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) 49 239 villages remain to be electrified in Uttar Pradesh, as on 30-6-1985. Of these, 25.170 villages are programmed to be electrified during the Seventh Plan; the electrification programme for the remaining villages has not yet been finalised.

(b) Factors impeding the growth of rural electrification include lack of sub-transmission system, shortage of line materials, cost escalations and difficult terrain in hilly areas.

Modernisation and plant renovation programme of the Department of Power

1961. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Power in his Ministry has finally cleared 33 stations including 160 units under its modernisation and plant renovation programme;

(b) what is the number of stations/units amongst them which are in Rajasthan with their particulars and the funds allocated for the purpose by the Centre; and

(c) when the modernisation programme is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Under a Centrally sponsored scheme, 36 thermal stations having 156 units, have been approved for renovation and modernisation.

(b) No thermal station/unit in Rajasthan is included in the scheme. The units at Kota thermal station have been performing satisfactorily at a plant load factor of 62.1 per cent during April-July, 1985.

(c) Implementation of the Scheme began in 1984-85.

PROPOSED COACH FACTORY

1962. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of State Government have suggested site for the location of the proposed Rs. 200 crores coach factory:

(b) if so, which are those States;

(c) what sites were suggested by these States; and

(d) what are the factors according to which decision in the subject was taken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Names of the States and the sites suggested are as under:—

States	Sites suggested
Andhra Pradesh	Warangal
Assam	Kamrup
Bihar	Jamalpur Muzaffarpur
Gujarat	Dahod Rajkot Gandhinagar Vadodara
Haryana	Hissar Jind Kurukshetra